

District 7 and the United Steelworkers, there will be a retirement celebration in Cindy's honor on Friday, April 20, 2007, at Andorra Banquets in Schererville, Indiana.

Cindy Carlson was born and raised in Saint John, Indiana. She began her career with the United Steelworkers of America in 1976 as Staff Secretary in what was then Sub-District 2 of District 31. From there, Cindy moved up to become the Secretary for the SubDistrict 2 Director, a position she held from 1981–1988. Then in 1988, recognizing Cindy's skills and abilities, Director Jack Parton assigned Cindy to the position of Secretary for the Assistant Director and the Civil Rights/Safety and Health Coordinator. Though these new responsibilities would have been enough for most people, Cindy also took on the position of Secretary for the District 31 Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR). From there, Cindy went on to become Executive Secretary to the Director of District 31 in 1995. After redistricting took place in 1996, and District 31 changed to District 7, Cindy was reassigned to the Organizing Department. During this time, her experience and expertise was fully utilized, as she served in many secretarial capacities with District 7. Finally, in 2004, Cindy was awarded the position of SubDistrict 5 Secretary, which she held until her retirement on March 1, 2007. During this time, she also served as Secretary for the District 7 Women of Steel and for the Contracting-Out Coordinator, Mike Mezo.

In addition to the impressive career Cindy has had with District 7, she has also served as a dedicated member of the International United Steelworkers Clerical Union, Local 3657, where she once again utilized her many talents as a member of several committees. Cindy's knowledge of the Union and her field, along with her complete commitment to improving conditions for the steelworkers in her district, has made her one of the most well-respected individuals the First Congressional District has produced. While she will remain in contact with those with whom she has worked, her daily presence will surely be missed by all of her colleagues.

Now retired, Cindy is committed to spending her time with those closest to her, her family. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Cindy's commitment to the United Steelworkers and its members is surpassed only by her dedication to her family. Cindy and her husband, Lyle, remain in Northwest Indiana. They have been blessed with one daughter, Heather, and her husband Chad, as well as Cindy's loving grandson, Alex, whom she truly adores. While Cindy will be enjoying her retirement with them, and with her mother, Ellen Hogan, there is no doubt that Cindy will remain committed to several organizations, including the Tri-Town Labor/Democratic Organization, which she founded in 2005, the Saint John Junior Women's Club, the VFW Post 717 Ladies' Auxiliary, and of course, SOAR.

Madam Speaker, Cindy Carlson has given her time and efforts selflessly to the members of the United Steelworkers for the past 31 years. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in wishing her the best upon her retirement and commending her for her lifetime of service and dedication.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN AARON LEWIS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Aaron Lewis, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Aaron Lewis for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2007*

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my regret for missing votes on the House floor on Monday, March 26, 2007. I was delayed in my district as a result of a canceled flight.

### TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID J. LYNCH

### HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2007*

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and express appreciation for Mr. David J. Lynch of Meridian, Idaho. Mr. Lynch is not only a great Idahoan, he is also a great American. He served our country as an enlisted member of the U.S. Navy and served in World War II on the USS *Tappahannock*. His life of service did not end with the war. He has continued to give his time and energy freely up until this very day as a grassroots volunteer for the Jade Bar-Shalom Books for Israel Project.

As Rena Cohen, a co-founder of the Project has said: Mr. Lynch "is a most extraordinary citizen of the United States and has done much to extend the hand of friendship and solidarity of the people of the United States to the children of Israel threatened by terrorism, and sadly, deprived of basic learning materials as funding for Israel's public school system has of necessity been diverted to defense during the last few years."

Jade Bar-Shalom Books for Israel Project provides used English books that are still in good condition to school libraries in Israel and is an excellent example of what can be done when committed individuals sacrifice time and energy for the sake of a cause greater than themselves.

Mr. Lynch should be honored for a lifetime of service not only to Idaho and the United States, but also to those in need in a very troubled part of the world. It is for that reason that I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this fine American.

RECOGNIZING EVAN WRIGHT FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Evan Wright, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Evan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Evan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Evan Wright for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD A. ESPOSITO

### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2007*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize Gerald (Gerry) A. Esposito, District Manager of Community Board 1 in Brooklyn, leader within our community, and lifetime resident of the Greenpoint-Williamsburg community, for 30 years of public service.

Born on March 7, 1954 at St. Catherine's Hospital on Bushwick Avenue, Gerald is a product of Brooklyn Public Schools. As he moved on in his academic career, receiving a bachelors of science from the C.U.N.Y. Graduate Center, and a masters degree in public administration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Gerry remained loyal to the city of New York and later he successfully graduated from the city's Executive Training "Top Forty Program".

While in college, Gerry became interested in community and public service. Volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America, VISTA, and the Peace Corps, his dedication to improving the community was obvious to all. After gaining employment in the nonprofit and local government sectors, in 1977 he was hired by the Community Board No. 1—the youngest district manager in the city of New York. Thirty years later, there is no aspect of that board that has not been enriched by his guidance. A strong advocate for the delivery of city services to the community, he has successfully addressed a complex range of matters relating to the public welfare, the district, and its residents.